

Washington, DC -- During today's first meeting of the Water Resources and Environment subcommittee of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. Representative Michael Arcuri (D-Utica) submitted opening remarks and questioned those testifying before the committee.

"I asked to be placed on this subcommittee because of its jurisdiction over dredging and waterways, two very important issues in my district," said Arcuri. "This past weekend I met with leaders in Cortland and Oneonta. They were concerned about flooding and water management in our region. In light of those needs, I requested this subcommittee. Today's hearing allowed me to question experts and begin working with my colleagues to address Upstate New York's water infrastructure needs."

"The 24th District of New York, which I am privileged to represent, has one of the oldest sewer and wastewater systems in the United States. In recent years, my hometown, the City of Utica, along with many other communities in my district, has been plagued with problems due to antiquated infrastructure in desperate need of repair," said Arcuri.

The subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment met today to hear testimony on the nation's wastewater infrastructure and the importance of renewed commitment to addressing its needs. The subcommittee heard from representatives of Federal, State, and local governments, and other stakeholders on the importance of upgrading wastewater infrastructure. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over water quality and wastewater infrastructure programs administered by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act. This includes the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds to provide resources for the construction of wastewater infrastructure.

###